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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOG REJECTION OF PHIBLEX 3-75

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1. USDAO RECEIVED MESSAGE AUGUST 29 FROM HELLENIC NAVY RESPONDING TO ROUTINE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE TRAINING ANCHORAGE IN CONNECTION WITH PHIBLEX 3-75 AND INDICATING THAT REQUEST DENIED. SINCE PHIBLEX 3-75 HAD BEEN APPROVED BY SHAFIC IN APRIL 1974 AS ONE OF SERIES OF US EXERCISES IN GREECE DURING 1974, JUSMAGG ON AUGUST 30 PURSUED MATTER WITH SHAFIC IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN IF DENIAL OF TRAINING ANCHORAGE CONSTITUTED REJECTION OF EXERCISE. SHAFIC STAFF OFFICER REPLIED THAT MATTER ONE TO BE HANDLED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, TO WHICH THEY WERE REFERRING IT.

2. ON AUGUST 31, JUSMAGG LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM SHAFIC THAT DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, SUBSTANCE
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OF WHICH HE PARAPHRASED AS FOLLOWS: " MINISTER OF DEFENSE

DECIDED TO CANCEL PHIBLEX 3-75 FOR THE PRESENT TIME DUE TO THE CRISIS." MESSAGE TO THIS EFFECT SAID TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM MOD, AND TEXT WILL BE PROVIDED UPON RECEIPT.

3. EARLIER INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SITUATION WITH SHAFK STAFF OFFICERS REVEALED THAT AIRSPACE CONTROL PROBLEM, DESIRE TO AVOID INCIDENTS, ETC. UNDERLAY GOG DECISION. HOPE WAS HELD OUT THAT PHIBLEX 5-75, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1974, MIGHT YET BE HELD, ALTHOUGH IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT RESUBMISSION OF REQUEST ABOUT A MONTH IN ADVANCE WOULD BE ROUTE TO FOLLOW. TASCA

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